

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 4-6 and 11 are pending in this application. By the Office Action, claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102; claims 3-6 are objected to; and claim 11 is allowed. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended and claim 3 is cancelled. No new matter is added.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 3-6 are objected to for being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but are otherwise allowable, and for the indication that claim 11 is allowed.

I. **Rejection Under §102**

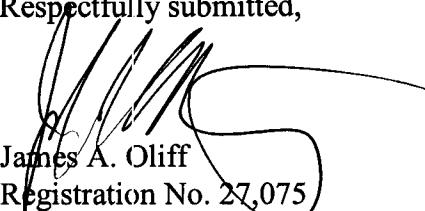
Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Huarig. Although Applicants do not necessarily agree with the rejection, in the interest of advancing prosecution by this Amendment claim 1 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of non-rejected claim 3. Accordingly, the rejection is overcome and must be withdrawn. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

II. **Conclusion**

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the above-identified patent application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are therefore respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe anything further would be necessary in order to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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